



# CONGRESSMAN HENRY A. WAXMAN NEWS

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## WAXMAN ATTENDS MADRID HUMAN RIGHTS PARLEY

Congressman Henry A. Waxman is currently in Madrid as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The Conference was called to review compliance by the signers of the Helsinki Accords -- particularly the Soviet Union.

Waxman will work with the leaders of the American delegation -- former Attorney General Griffen Bell and prominent Jewish attorney and philanthropist Max Kampelman. The Congressman will seek maximum emphasis by the American delegation on the sharp decline in the number of Jews being allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

According to Waxman, "the Soviet cut off of Jewish emigration is in blatant violation of the agreement we made with them at Helsinki."

The Los Angeles Congressman plans to meet privately with members of the Soviet delegation to discuss a small number of immigration cases in which he is directly involved. Waxman hopes to win exit permits for a small number of Soviet Jews with families in Los Angeles. In these special cases, requests to emigrate have been repeatedly refused by the Soviet government despite the fact that the Helsinki Accords call for a liberal emigration policy in the case of divided families.

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